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View Of Squaw Valley As It Looked Just Prior To The Start Of Construction Of Olympic Facilities

This Humble Beginning To Olympic Glory

The Eighth Winter Olympics open tomorrow. Before the eleven day run is completed, more than 500,000 persons are expected to have seen the games.

More than 500 automobiles per morning and evening are expected to use Highway 20 through Grass Valley and Nevada City as a route to the games from Northern California.

Highway 40 will bear the brunt of Olympic traffic, offering four lanes most of the way.

Rapid construction of a two lane detour around the Baxter slide area has made possible the clearing of one bottl neck.

The traditional winter sports ceremony of the Blessing of the Skis will be celebrated at Blyth Arena in Squaw Valley today.

This colorful rite will be presided over by James Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles, assisted by Bishop Robert Dwyer of Reno. and Bishop Joseph T. McGucken of Sacramento, Roman Catholic dignitarites.

Father Patrick O'Neill, serving Squaw Valley's Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows, is in charge of the half-hour ceremonies, which will be attended by 50 priests.

The tradition of the Blessing of the Skis is credited to St. Bernard of Menthon, skiing's patron saint, for whom the lifesaving St. Bernard dogs of the Alps were named.

Many skiers are under the impression that ULLr, ancient Norse god of winter is the patron saint of skiers. ULLr, however, is a mythical hero, his origins buried in the snows of antiquity.

Ancient Norse sagas speak of ULLr, the God-King who crossed rivers and mountains in his "snow ships". Ancient drawings portray him on skis so rounded in front that they resemble the prows of Viking ships.

Whether one places reliance on the medals of St. Bernard or ULLr - or both - the traditional blessing of the skis at Squaw Valley will be one of the most colorful ceremonies of the V111Olympic Winter Games.

Vice President Richard Nixon will arrive at Squaw Valley at 11.a.m. tomorrow by helicopter from the Reno Airport.

He and Mrs. Nixon will depart Sacramento at 9:40 a.m., fly to Reno, arriving at 10:28 a.m., then taking a helicopter to Squaw Valley.

Immediately after his arrival, the vice-president of the United States will participate in dedication ceremony at Blyth Arena.

Nixon will then proceed to the Leonard House (second house west of Eric Road on Squaw Valley Road) for a luncheon hosted by Mr. Prentis C. Hale, president of the Organizing Committee.

Nixon will appear at Blyth Arena at 1:15 p.m. where he will be accorded full honors as a representative of the Chief of State. At 1:30 p.m. he will take his place at the Tribune of Honor for the Opening Cermoney.

At 3:30 p.m., Nixon will inspect the Olympic Village and attend a reception in his honor in the Athletes Center.

Nixon will depart around 9 a.m. Friday for Reno.

Out-of-town ticket purchasers will be able to make late purchases of Olympic tickets before departing for Squaw Valley through establishment of a will-call office

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STUDENTS GIVE OLYMPIC HISTORY

(Editor's Note: The two authors of these articles on the Winter Olympics are students at Hennessy School in Grass Valley. At the beginning of school in September, the girls chose this topic for their term study. Both Martha Penaluna and Mary Williams appeared before the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce with their information.)

By MARTHA PENALUNA

The Olympic Flag, which appeared at Olympic competition for the first time at Antwerp in 1920, has a white

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By MARY WILLIAMS

Young Athenian boys were taught how to throw discus and spears. They also learned how to wrestle and run long

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State Agency Hits Freeway Plans Here

A report prepared for the Division of Beaches and Parks released this week points to "serious consequences for historic buildings and sites in Grass Valley and Nevada City" which will result from the proposed freeway between the two cities.

Prepared in accordance with an Assembly resolution introduced by Assemblyman Paul J. Lunardi and co-authored by Senator Ronald G. Cameron, the 81 page document contains a preliminary analysis of the steps which must be taken to preserve the historic sites of the Mother Lode region and to preserve a continuous travel route of historic interest to the public.

In a section devoted to highway planning, the report, written by S. James Barrick and entitled, "The Golden Chain of the Mother Lode," goes so far as to question "whether or not the properties acquired by the state for right-of-way purposes should be used for such purposes or be diverted to some form of utilization that will preserve their (Nevada City's and Grass Valley's) historic values."

This problem, the survey states, "requires further study and analysis."

Nothing that most of the freeway right-of-way properties have already been acquired by the state as a result of a freeway agreement made "several years ago" between the Highway Commission, the state, Nevada County, and Grass Valley and Nevada City, the report lists some of the "changes in the quaint landscape of Nevada City" threatened or already accomplished.

Among the historic sites threatened, according to the report, "is the Ott Assay Office (now occupied by the Citizen), one of the historic landmarks of Nevada City. The Ott Assay Office, established in 1853, continued to serve the mining industry for approximately one hundred years. The value of ore discovered at various locations including the Comstock Lode in the state of Nevada was determined at this historical site."

Because "residents of Nevada City and others from all parts of the state" have become interested in preserving the Ott building, according to the report, the highway officials are considering either moving the building or saving part of it from the encroaching blanket of pavement.

The report also states that the old Union Hotel at the Plaza has been demolished by the state, and the National Hotel Annex is threatened.

There is warning that "the construction of the freeway in Nevada City-Grass Valley area will result in further changes in the landscape." Not the least of these changes is the plain fact that the freeway will cut through the historic heart of the town, the Plaza, destroying the basic unity, quiet and beauty (and tourist appeal) of one the most beautiful towns in California.

The report calls for an inventory of historic buildings and sites in the Mother Lode area, studies of ways and means of preserving these sites, interpretation of "historic and cultural values" represented by the sites, and "co-ordination of local, regional, and state planning for the development of travel and resource development" of the area.

Looking Uphill At The World's Largest Ski Lift --- Squaw Valley

Race Area Best Ever At Squaw

Wendell Broomhall, Chief of Cross Country Competition said today the entire network of courses for all of the cross country events has been classified by some of the visiting officials as being situated on better terrain than those used at the Cortina and Oslo Olympics.

Broomhall also reported that nearly 100 trees, felled across trails early this week by high winds, were cleared Friday. In addition, four telephone lines cut by the storm have been restored to service.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome--Anytime

Many who read these pages this week will do so for the first time, for they are here or passing through here because of our proximity to Squaw Valley.

However, we aver that some at least will pause a moment and say to themselves, "What pretty towns! What beautiful country! We must come back sometime."

To them we say, and to all of our visitors during the Games, Welcome--anytime.

It might interest you to know that Western Nevada County inherits a history as rich as any in the western United States. Immigrants crossed these lands before the discovery of gold in 1849. Grass Valley and Nevada City were two of the first great gold towns in the state, Nevada City at one time claiming the third highest population of any town in California.

This area eventually grew famous around the world as a hard rock gold-mining center; and the county was a pioneer in hydraulic mining, which left weird and dramatic scars on the land which the visitor of today may see for himself.

We have ghost towns and abandoned mines to spare, old houses and traditional gardens, fishing, hunting...but come back and see for yourself.

New County Motto??

While chattering along, above in our best Chamber of Commerce style, we thought of a motto which might be appropriate to Nevada County: Holiday Land With A Heart of Gold. What do our readers think?

Society Could Alert The Public

Speaking of history, we would like to congratulate the Nevada County Historical Society for passing a resolution last week opposing the logging of 500 acres of giant virgin redwoods adjoining Big Basin State Park in Santa Cruz County.

Locally, we feel the Society has the unusual ability to act as a sort of semi-official guardian of the county's scenic lands and historic sites, relics, and traditions. Not that these are not legitimate concerns of the general public---they are. But often the public, through lack of current information, will act too late to save items of historic or scenic importance.

The Historical Society could well alert the public to any and all dangers of this kind in Nevada County, as it has alerted the state to the impending loss of a grove of magnificent, irreplaceable redwoods.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Sir,

I was extremely interested to read in the Citizen of Nov. 18, 1959 of the dismantling of the stamp mill of the North Star Mine.

I receive the Citizen periodically from my "pen friends" Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Benson, of 122 Eureka St. Grass Valley. My father worked underground at the North Star from 1922, until his death in 1926, and although I was young at the time vague memories linger of visits to the North Star with him.

We lived at 412 Temky St. and I recall clearly the wealth of fruit to be had for the effort of picking it. English people know, of course, of the lush orchards of California, but I think few realise how plentiful it really is.

I recall how happy we were in Grass Valley, with its lovely climate and friendly folk, and various recollections come to mind- the tremor of an earthquake; men being mobilised for forest fire fighting; the '49 celebrations (in 1925?); Gilmove's flying field; listening to the Ice - House Band; the drone of voices coming from Bell Hill School; torrents rushing down Temky Street in winter; Miss Curtiss, my first teacher at Bell Hill, to name a few.

So it is with pleasure that I scan the pages of the Citizen when it comes this way.

Yours faithfully,
John H. Bray

Letters To The Editor

Dear Rusty

I am an engineer on the Southern Pacific, run a passenger train between Los Angeles and Bakersfield. I go to Downieville often, and when driving thru Nevada City recently, got a copy of the Citizen - Advertiser and saw the picture of the Narrow Gauge Engine # 5 and your picture holding the enlargment of the negative you found in the basement of the old home. I would like very much to buy an enlargment like the one you are holding I guess 8 x 10 would you sell me one? I believe two dollars will cover it. I save old photos of railroad Engines. This is a picture of me at Mojave on train # 52 the San Joaquin Daylight which I ran for two years. I would like to visit the Last Man Club of retired railroad men in Nevada City. I sure hope you can get me an enlargment made. And will appricate it very much.

Regards
William C. White
538 E. Harvard
Fresno, Calif.

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK

The Citizen of the Week is just that--for Trudy (Mrs. Bill C.) White, 206 Glenbrook Heights Drive, became a United States citizen in Sacramento at the Federal Building Monday at 12:30 p.m.

Mrs. White is a native of Linz, Austria. She met her husband there while he was in service. Due to much red tape, when White was discharged from the service he ramained in Linz as a civil service worker until various papers were cleared enabling the couple to marry in September of 1948.

The newest Citizen of Our Towns has three children, Billy, Kathy and Steven.

She arrived in America speaking a more refined brand of English than we natives. It was mandatory in the Austrian schools that students take four years of English, although French for two years is now required.

We asked her what she especially liked about our country. She said it is that we are so informal. It seems that in Austria, everything is quite formal. Therefore it might be a year before you feel free to call someone by their first name. Here, she says, before long your newest acquaintance will tell you to call him/her by their first name.

Mrs. White explains that Linz is about the size of Oakland...but the streets are very narrow...and since her father owned one of the two American cars in Linz, he had a great deal of difficulty in getting around corners, and usually ended up on the sidewalk.

Trudy's greatest desire is to get to the Court House and register to vote so that she will be able to participate in the primary elections in June.

Congratulations, Mrs. Trudy White. And congratulations, America. The country has a new citizen actively interested in its welfare and operation.

SIERRA BYWAYS

BY DEAN THOMPSON

Too early to be thinking about the coming racing season?

Not so for officials of the Racing Association. They already are laying plans --and issuing warnings.

This year there will be a crackdown on pit passes. All unauthorized persons will be prohibited from entering the pits at any time.

Also, to assist scorers, car numbers will be placed on both sides and on top of the autos.

Get ready for the checkered flag, men.
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We heard it, and we believe it:

Mother and daughter were near the end of a shopping tour in a city along our Byways. Groceries, meat, necessities, etc.

The daughter, six, pulled Mother to a stop in front of a store window. She pointed, and said, "Oh, Mother. Look how pretty it is. Will you buy it for me?"

Mother agreed it was beautiful, "but I don't have any money left, dear."

"Well, Mother, can't you use some more of that paper kind--likeyou've been writing?"
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ON THE PROWL...Anyone wonder why the closing of mines was important to life in these parts? Also why an increase in the price of gold would be a most welcome event here?...Take a peek at some payline estimates in the Nevada City area when the mines were running: Old Champion, over 100 employes; Providence, about the same; Mountain Air, around 50 men; and Nevada City Mine, between 50 and 75 workers...And there were many others...A question we've been asked: What ever happened to the citizens' committee dedicated to blocking the destruction of Nevada City landmarks by running a freeway through the center of the city?...Well, what ever did happen?

NEVADA COUNTY'S FASTEST GROWING
NEWSPAPER

THE
NEVADA COUNTY CITIZEN
Hopes You

.... Enjoy The Eighth Winter Olympics

.... Enjoy The Washington's Birthday Holiday

COME BACK SOON

....Celebrate 4th Of July In The Traditional Twin Cities Manner-Your Host This Year Will Be Nevada City

....Visit The Nevada County Fair, August 27-30

....Relax, Fish, Hunt In Tahoe National Forest

YOU ARE WELCOME

Potpourri

by maggi

IMPRESSIONS OF SQUAW VALLEY ON a Rainy Sunday...Traveled to Squaw Valley to see what was going on. Of course we picked the day of the BIG RAIN. Seems like they ought to have called those Indians back, and get the water works turned off...and get those rain-drops turned into goose pickings again.

NEVER, simply never, have we ever seen so much rain...it came down by the bucketfuls. We went to go to the opening services of the new and beautiful Protestant church, but we simply could not wade through all the water. We were boot-top high almost all the way...and if you happened to stop on what looked like good solid snow, well!..You had the biggest surprise of your life, for the snow wasn't snow at all, but sort of a white superimposed stuff over a good sized lake, and there you stood, knee deep in water and slush.

All skiing had stopped by the time we got there...the servicemen who were packing the ski runs were out of business ...and as for the contestants, they were wandering around, and we know they were thinking..."What manner of a place is this for an Olympic Games contest?"

The Inn and Lodge were filled with spectators, all wringing wet...some dressed for street, some dressed for snow ...but none for rain...The majority of the visitors there did not seem the type that would ski, but merely curiosity seekers, and a rude bunch at that. There was a good deal of eating and drinking going on...no wonder, you couldn't do anything else, and the buses were not leaving until late.

WE WENT OVER TO the ice arena, and while there took pictures and watched the guys and gals practice their competition patterns...and to say they were wonderful, is just not saying enough, they were spectacular...There was one couple, dressed alike in matching sweaters and skirt and slacks...they were perfection.

HOWEVER...BUT...ETC. we did notice that there were a few leaks, and the wind tore through like a hurricane at times. You can sit on the 'reserved' side of the arena and see the ski run, but only in that place can you possibly see what is going on...frankly, we were not impressed.

THERE ARE a lot of people working up there, and there is a lot of 'looking' going on, but NOT on a rainy day! As we sloshed around, we couldn't help but wonder what we built the darned thing for...BUT---of course, the weather will be perfect for next winter...

IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE, especially to hear some of the comments about the American people from two beautiful Scandinavian contestants, especially about the prices and quality of garments that are for sale in the ski shops there, in fact we heard that they were "cheap looking, priced unreasonably high.. and certainly the stuff you could buy in their country was better all around," and we will go along with that all the way.

It was a nice excursion, but not one that we would care to make on a rainy day again. But we will be going up during the games and will let you know what we saw, and did, and thought.

ORCHIDS TO LOUISE ROBERTS... for receiving her life membership in the PTA ...you know, Louise will do anything to help anyone, and she will do the job when no one else will...whether it is a time element, or whether it is a dirty stinking job that no one else will do...our Louise is in there pitching for all she is worth... and we are sure that everyone will agree with that.

REMEMBERANCES IN THE RAIN...night is falling, the sky is cloudy, the streets are bare, there are no little leaves dancing on the trees...the moon cannot break through the layer of clouds...the sun has been hidden from Our Towns... the feeling of absolute loneliness prevails...surely, though, we can't be isolated, but there isn't a stirring of anything...deep silence hangs like a shroud ...there is no sign of life except in the scattered street lights shining through a myriad of haze...there is an unearthly feeling of being separated from the living...floating in an in-between land of stillness....

Chicago Park News

By JOSEPHINE PEASE

A most enjoyable time was had by members attending the second meeting of the Chicago Park Graden Club. The group met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Kimberlin, President.

Mr. J.M. Beechel, of Stark Bros. Nursery, gave a most interesting illustrated talk on roses - various varieties and their cultivation and care.

At the business meeting, Mrs. Woods was appointed Sunshine Chairman; Mrs. Hazel Ford, Birds and conservation Chairman; and Mrs. Lee Lovey, Civic Betterment Chairman. Other chairmen were previously appointed.

After a raffle for Spring Bulbs, a lovely tea followed. The next meeting of the group will be held March 2nd., at the home of Mrs. Joyce Garbellano.

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Mr. J.E. Smith spent a week with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Upshaw, in Martinez. We trust he has completely recovered from his recent accident.

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The Ernest Bierwagen's recently enjoyed a Sunday visit from their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Copeland.

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We wish a speedy recovery to the many local residents suffering from the flu. Mrs. James Booll and Mrs. William Jewell, especially. We are happy Mr. Charles Thompson is over his recent illness.

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Camptonville News

By IRENE STOOPS

On Tuesday evening Feb. 2 fire broke out in the chimney of the Hotel Francis, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lyons. It was quickly extinguished by the Camptonville Fire Dept. and damage was nominal.

Camptonville Hotel was built in 1908 by William B. Meek. Francis Labadie bought it in 1912 and renamed it Hotel Francis.

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The Parent-Teachers Club gave a Bingo Party Thurs. 4th. at 1 p.m. Proceeds are to go to The March of Dimes. Interesting prizes were won and delicious refreshments were served.

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A Bowling Party was given Feb. 14th. at Log Cabin by Sylvia Tarp. There were prizes and a Door Prize. Proceeds go to the Parent-Teachers Club Fund for playground equipment.

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Camptonville Womens Club met at the home of Mildred Horton Feb. 5th. at 8 p.m. After the business meeting lovely refreshments were served by the hostess. The Mystery Package was won by Connie Pfiffer.

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Pelton Chapter #615. O.E.S. held its' regular meeting in Masonic Hall on Thrus. Feb. 11th. at 8 p.m. Following the meeting a Valentine Party was held in the dining room. Those on the refreshment committee were Erma Coleman, Ruth Butz and Opal Massa. Decorations were by Frances Cahill.

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Johnny Skoverski was home on leave the week-end of Feb. 6th. He expects to be stationed at Mather Field in Sacramento.

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We are glad that Annis Butz was able to come home from the Hospital Feb. 5th. and that the infection in her foot proved not to be too serious.

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Little Joel Jaynes recovered nicely from the measles, then the twins Jack and Glenisa came down with them and are confined to their home here.

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Camptonville has ordered a Resuscitator - Inhalator which will be kept at the home of Wm. Groves. Several local men have been instructed in its' use and it will be available for use in the community, if needed. It can be procured by calling Wm. Groves, Ned Kissig or the local Ranger Station.

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We prayed for rain and received it in abundance. The storm of Feb. 7th. and 8th. was what we called a "gully-washer" back in Colorado, bringing 11 inches in a 36 hour period. Roads were out, banks eroded and some basements flooded. Camptonville School was closed for two days because of dangerous road conditions for the school buses.

Social News

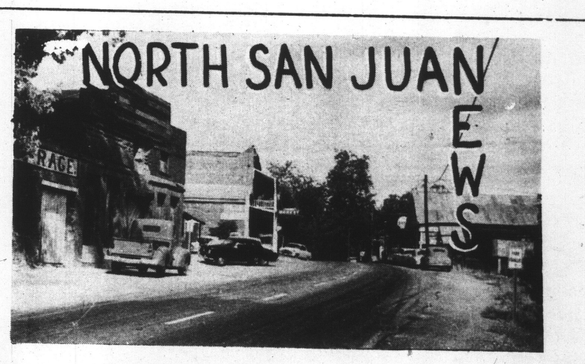
Margaret Abrahamson Society Editor

GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF NEVADA CITY ELECTED Board Members at a Council meeting held February 2nd at the Boy Scout Hall. The Board Members chosen for the next year are (from left to right) seated: Thelma Rice, membership nominating committee; and Merna Goerz, installing officer, and junior past president of the Council. Standing: Alice McKenzie, membership nominating committee; Fae Stevenson, member at large on Board of Directors; and Jane Helland, neighborhood chairman.

Pictured above are (left to right) Mrs. Lou Gunter, president; Mrs. C. K. Griffen, president 1958-59; Mrs. Barbara Peterson, president 1957-58; and Mrs. Ernest F. Roberts, president 1951-52.

Nevada Elementary School PTA held their election of officers, Friday, Feb. 5, at a meeting in the school auditorium. At that time Mrs. Louise Roberts, a past president of the group, was presented with a life-membership in the PTA.

Pictured here is Mrs. Ernest F. Roberts and Mrs. Howard Keene, member of life-membership committee. Keene presented Mrs. Roberts with a life-membership in the PTA. Mrs. Roberts has been most active in any organization where the welfare of the young people of Nevada City is involved, and is always willing to do her part in anything that is asked of her, thus making her a welcome addition to the life-membership holders in PTA.



By DONNA MILHOUS

Phone AXtel 2-3207

Recent rains have wrought havoc with local roads, including the recent work done just beyond Youngs Place. The Yuba grade shows the evidence of falling rocks and slides. If you aren't worried about the possibility of a rock landing on your car you are much too complacent.

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Latest hospital bulletins, Roy Jones went in with an intestinal upset. Gracie McNeer is in Sierra Memorial. Ramund Bartsch was in Miners for a week with sciatic rheumatism and was in traction, while there he picked up Asian flu. Elsie Prentise was released and spent a week at the home of Katherine Bice before returning to North San Juan. Her friends are tickeled to have her back in circulation.

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Carol and Grant Varner and new daughter, Sherrie De Vone, were up from San Rafael from Friday until Tuesday. Grant had a twenty day leave that just ended.

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Doug and Ann Buckbee went down to San Francisco to see son Alvin. They took a tour of his ship, USS Bennington, and had brunch while on board. Later they took in Chinatown, Fishermans Wharf, and Playland. While they were in Chinatown the Chinese New Year was being celebrated and everything was doubley oriental and exotic.

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Lorraine Fellows is visiting relatives in the bay area and "grandmother", Mrs. Fields, is babysitting with the three children.

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There seems to be a new "virus" prevalent in the North San Juan area that's called, for lack of a better name, Flooritus. Families stricken lately have been the Frank Addlemans, with them it seems to have affected them on the dining room and living room floors. They have finished the new flooring all in one week including the varnishing and shellacking.

Now Joe and Jeane Marquis have just been affected on the bathroom and utility room floors and Joe has been working real hard.

Just recovering from the "disease" have been the Selvesters who redid their kitchen floor. What I'd like to know is, is this virus contagious??? and if so, how do you catch it???

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Emmet Harrington was up to visit friends from Woodland, while here he visited the Gaylord's and Dorris's and phoned lots of others to say hello.

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A fire between the walls created some unwanted excitement for the Larry Hoover family, who are living down at the old Emerson Place. Neighbor, Joe Marquis, helped out with his hatchet and had it almost out when the North San Juan Volunteer Fire Department arrived, they were delayed because the lower Sebastapool Road was washed out and they had to backtrack and come in down by H.H. Browns.

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Oliver and Frances Milhous and the boys went over to Healdsburg this weekend to visit with Oliver's sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Charles Barr.

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Redondo Beachite, Herman Michaeles, were up this week to visit Ruth and Bob De Smidt. Soon he will be taking over the Camptonville Garage.

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Tyler resident, Layton Keys has moved over to San Francisco to work and his daughter, Mary is staying with the Robert Robinsen family to complete her schooling.

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COOKING CORNER

Favorite recipes from the files of Nevada County's fabulous cooks

GOOFY CHOCOLATE CAKE — Mrs. W. I. Lanham

(Through the courtesy of Mrs. (Dan Laundenslager)

Mix together:
1 1/2 cups flour
3 Tbsp. cocoa
1 teasp soda
1 cup sugar
1/4 teasp. salt

ADD:
6 Tbsp. mazola oil
1 Tbsp. vinegar
1 teasp. vanilla
1 cup water

Mix well and pour into an ungreased loaf pan and bake at 350° for at least 30 minutes.

Olympic History

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background with no border. In the center it has five interlaced rings or circles (three above, two below) whose colors are blue, yellow, black, green, and red. The blue is high left.

MEANING OF THE RINGS

The rings or circles which form the Olympic symbol represent the five major continents of the world. The rings are linked together to denote the sporting friendship of the peoples of the earth, whatever their creed or country.

The colors were chosen because at least one of them (blue, yellow, black, green, and red) appears in the flag of every nation in the world.

THE OLYMPIC OATH

"We swear we will take part in these Olympic Games in the true spirit of sportsmanship and that we will respect and abide by the rules which govern them, for the glory of sport and the honour of our country" pronounced by an athlete representing the host country during the opening day ceremonies.

OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

The king or president who has been invited to open the Olympics stands and flag bearers from each competing country march in. Greece comes first as it started the Olympic Games and the host last. These countries line up facing the king or president and salute him by turning their heads as they go by. Then they line up and stand still.

The President of the Organizing Committee then mounts the Tribune of Honor and gives a short speech and asks the King or President to open the Olympic Games.

The King or President says "I declare open the Olympic Games of the year Celebrating the --- Olympiad of the modern era"

The trumpets are sounded, the flag is raised, and the sacred fire is lit. The Olympic Hymn is sung and the competitors take the Olympic Oath.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The flag bearers march in and the Greek flag is raised on the pole. The President of the IOC then says the closing words. The flag is presented to the mayor of the city, the Olympic fire is put out, and the flag bearers march out.

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distances. The best athletes represented the city in the Olympic Games at Olympia. These were the most important games in Greece. The winners of these games were given only a wreath of olive twigs but when they returned home they were given a public celebration.

THE MODERN FOUNDER

Full credit for the revival of the Olympic Games in the modern era must go to Baron Pierre de Coubertin. Coubertin was not an athlete but he chose athletics as his field. He first associated himself with rowing but when he tried to bring British oarsmen to France or send French oarsmen to compete at Henley, he found the British and French conceptions of amateurism were not the same. This gave him the idea of bringing together educators, diplomats, and sport leaders for the purpose of developing a universal understanding of amateurism so that the athletes of all nations might meet on an equal basis.

Coubertin realized that to capture the attention of disinterested persons he would have to originate something spectacular. He began to dream of a revival of the Olympic Games.

Coubertin imparted his enthusiasm so well that it was unanimously agreed on June 23, 1894 to revive the Games and an International Committee was formed to look after their development and well-being.

In 1896, Greece celebrated in the rebuilt stadium of Athens, the first Olympic Games of the present cycle and from this beginning, the world's greatest athletic spectacle was established.

The work of Coubertin was, above all, a work of peace but there is one basic fact, almost universally misunderstood - Peace is not the major aim of the Olympic Games.

"Peace," Coubertin hoped and believed, "would be furthered by the Olympic Games... but peace could be the product only of a better world; a better world could be brought about only by better individuals; and better individuals could be developed only by the give and take, the buffeting and battering, the stress and strain of fierce competition."

THE OLYMPIC CREED

"The important thing in the Olympic Games is not the winning but taking part. The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well" --Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the Modern Olympic Games.

Petroleum, cement, natural gas and natural gas liquids are California's most important mineral products, in that order.

Tickets Are Still Available

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at the entrance to Games' site.

Purchasers requesting tickets before departing for Squaw Valley through establishment of a will-call office at the entrance to Games' site.

Purchasers requesting tickets thourgh their local outlets (Greyhound, Southern Pacific, Automobile Club) or by check or money order to 333 Market Street, San Francisco; or Squaw Valley, Tahoe City, California will be able to pick up their tickets at Squaw Valley upon presentation of proper identification at the will-call office.

Out-of-town spectators who had previously ordered tickets and have not received them prior to departure, should check with the Winter Olympics office, San Francisco, (YUkon 2-7373) and anticipate picking up their tickets at the will-call office Squaw Valley.

Tickets for all dates in all categories are still available.

Credit Due

The Citizen wishes to give credit for Olympic and Squaw Valley photos used in this edition.

The large Squaw Valley photo on Page One is a Christensen Photo, Reno. The picture is owned by Stanley H. Halls, Nevada City.

Halls, author of the Snowshoe Thompson series, is an avid photographer in his own right. He is currently in Squaw Valley participating in the filming of the Olympics by a San Francisco movie firm.

A movie, partially filmed by Halls, previewed the Olympics and was shown throughout this area in recent months. Copies of the same film were shown throughout the world.

Other photos in the edition are official Olympic pictures or Citizen staff photos.

Banner Mt. Story Told

Radio KaHi Sunday presented a half-hour historical program featuring Banner Mountain.

Narrator Wendel Robie, Auburn, based the broadcast on a story prepared for the station by Val D. Baima, Lower Banner Mt. Road.

Sunkist Growers, Inc., with headquarters in Los Angeles, was organized in 1893.

THE PAST IN PICTURES

From the Doyle Thomas collection.

OLD NEVADA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, viewed from Pine Street, was completed in March, 1865 at a cost of $46,400. The courthouse had a bell whose peal summoned lawyers and litigants to trials. On July 27, 1867, a terrific gas explosion in a vault took the life of R. H. Farquhar, County Clerk. Damage amounted to $2500. Farquhar, a well-liked citizen; was honored by the largest funeral procession ever seen to that date.

Democrats Hear Three Hopefuls

Among the 4,000 California Democrats who nearly inundated Fresno last weekend for the annual California Democratic Council (CDC) convention were seven Nevada Countians. Representing the county central committee and the Gold Quartz Democratic Club were Mrs. William Mautino, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nygard, Harold Berliner, and Alfred Heller.

The local delegates heard speeches from three of the major Democratic Presidential aspirants, Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts, Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, and Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri.

In addition, they participated in seminars and panels discussing some of the important political issues facing the state and the nation. The issues discussions centered around the broad topics of Our Atomic Future, Water and Power, Human Rights, Underdeveloped Nations, and Consumer Problems.

Among the convention resolutions passed was one in support of the Governor's water program.

Death Valley, 282 feet below sea level, is the lowest point in the United States.

Covey Wins Sales Test

Earl Covey of Covey's Garage, Grass Valley has been informed by Mark Page, Zone Manager of American Motors that he is the second leading dealer in his group for Rambler Sales. Covey obtained 133.3 percent of his sales quota in the recent "Lengthen Our Leadership Advantage" compaign.

Covey will choose either a washer and dryer or a deep freeze from the list of prizes which were offered for the leaders in the campaign.

Fashion & fancys

Like to ski? Try these for the feet--- French double boot...with hinged heel, designed with higher than average ankle. Made by European craftsmen from fine combination tanned leather with complete reverse welt around entire sole. Has well designed sponge padding for perfect heel fit. Full leather sole and skid proof rubber outer sole...double riveted lacing hooks. Speed lacing on inner boot. Men's sizes...medium width 7 thru 14. Ladies sizes med. and narrow 5 thru 9. For these and other ski accessories...go to Tess' Gift Shop, Grass Valley.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

Adequate preparation is a key factor in the success of your trip. These tips on equipment and the condition of your automobile will get you off to a better start:

ANTIFREEZE is needed to prevent cracking of radiator and engine block during subfreezing weather.

WINDSHIELD WIPERS and blades must be in good working order to insure good visibility during storms.

HEATER AND DEFROSTER should operate efficiently to provide maximum comfort and visibility.

MUFFLER AND EXHAUST system must be in good repair to prevent deadly carbon monoxide leaks.

BATTERY efficiency must be good to insure engine starting in freezing temperatures.

SKID CHAINS which are servieeable and fit the car are an absolute necessity on a trip to the snow.

BLANKETS OR CAR ROBES, carried in the car, will be most welcome in the event of a heater failure or other emergency.

A SHOVEL can be a very useful tool for clearing snow following overnight parking in the recreation area.

SUN GLASSES are useful in reducing eye strain from snow glare.

WARM, WATER-RESISTANT CLOTHING will add to the comfort of all members of your party.

CHECK WITH OFFICIAL AGENCIES FOR LATEST ROAD AND WEATHER INFORMATION.

SIGNS FOR SAFETY

When driving in snow areas watch for and obey official signs. In addition to the regular traffic warning and control signs these special signs are important to your safety:

"SLIPPERY WHEN WET OR ICY"—This warning will appear at the approach to deceptive curves, and highway cuts and bridges which do not thaw during day time temperatures.

"WATCH FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT"—This sign reminds you that much snow removal equipment is oversized and moves slowly, thereby becoming a potential hazard.

"CHAINS ADVISABLE"—When this sign is posted it is strongly recommended that chains be installed to provide greater safety.

"CHAINS REQUIRED ONE MILE AHEAD"—This means that you have one mile in which to pull clear of the roadway and install skid chains.

"STOP, CHAINS REQUIRED"—You cannot go beyond this point without installing skid chains. Persons attempting to travel beyond this sign without chains will be subject to arrest.

DRIVING ON ICE AND SNOW

GET THE FEEL OF THE ROAD by trying the brakes occasionally while driving slowly. Find out just how slippery or slick the road is and adjust your speed accordingly.

ALLOW PLENTY OF ROOM TO STOP by driving well behind the car ahead. It takes from 3 to 12 times as far to stop on snow and ice as it does on dry pavement.

STOP BY PUMPING THE BRAKE. A gentle pumping of the brake is the best way to stop on snow or ice. Pumping avoids locking the wheels, which can produce an uncontrollable and dangerous skid.

RELAX IF TRAFFIC STOPS. Remain in or near your car so that when traffic moves you will be ready to go. Stay in line. Emergency vehicles may need the other lane to remove the traffic block, or you could meet a stream of on-coming cars head-on.

START SMOOTHLY ON ICY ROADS. Gentle accelerator pressure is the key to starting on slippery roads. Accelerating too rapidly will spin the rear wheels and cause a loss of traction. Cars with conventional shifts should be started in a higher gear than you usually use.

This pamphlet prepared by the California Highway Patrol is reproduced by The Citizen as a guide to winter driving for those to whom snow driving is a new experience. It is also helpful as a reminder of good habits to those residents of Western Nevada County who more frequently face winter driving conditions.

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SPECIAL---COMING SOON

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YOUNG CITIZENS' FORUM, a regular column of fact and opinion on major local, national and international issues. Written by students of Nevada Union High School. Watch the Citizen for a hard-hitting, serious column by the young citizens of this community.

No Parking At GV P.O.

Public notice has been given that any vehicle parked on the U. S. Post Office Lot in Grass Valley during or after business hours will be towed away at the car owner's expense.

During the past few months the situation has grown intolerable, according to Post Office employees. There were even instances of defiance on the part of car owners who were asked to move their vehicles for the incoming mail truck!

Since parking on the government property is prohibited, the area properly posted to that effect, and local peace officers unable to enforce jurisdiction, the legal recourse of having the vehicle towed from the grounds will be utilized.

Dimes March

The Mothers' March against crippling birth defects, arthritis, and polio, Thursday night collected a total of $748.10 in Grass Valley, it was announced by Edwin H. Logan, Jr., Director of the March of Dimes Campaign. This was nearly $200 more than was collected in the March last year.

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Rifle Club Wins Meet

The Nevada City Rifle Club, having trouble finding the target, skinned by the McClellan Field Team by a score of 1424 to 1418 last Tuesday night on the Nevada City Range.

High Gun for Nevada City was Greg Paillex, who managed a 291, followed by Elwin Mulcahy with 284, Denny Smith, Leland Pauly, and Art Brock, each with 283.

Fred Arrit fired high score of 287 for McClellan; Earl Axtell 286, Harold Nieson 283, Russ Rae 282, and Mike Belluomini 280.

Nevada City is now tied for first place with Veterans of Foreign Wars of Sacramento in the Sierra Foothill League, each team having six wins and two losses. Auburn's defeat at the hands of the Veterans of Foreign Wars last week placed them temporarily in third place.

Bruce McKenzie fired a perfect "50" offhand score Thursday night to lead the Twin Cities Club (Marysville-Yuba City) to a 962 to 873 victory over the Hooker Oak Rifle Club of Chico at the latter's range.

McKenzie fired high score of 196, followed by Greg Paillex with 193, Art Brock, Elwin Mulcahy, and George Comstock, each having 191.

Earl Knight fired high score for Hooker Oak with 187; Ralph Mikkelson had 183, Wayne Goulden 176, Fred Robbers 174, and Basil Faye 153.

Orland and Willows both won their matches last week, to remain in a three-way tie for first place with Nevada City. Each has six wins and one loss.

Madagascar, with an area of 228,642 square miles, is the world's fourth largest island.

SNOW-SHOE RACES.

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SECOND DAY Tuesday, February 4th. 1st Race for Club Purse of $75 free to all. 2d Race for Club Purse of $50. Free to all but the winner of the first race of this day.

THIRD DAY Wednesday, February 5th. 1st Race for Club Purse of $50, free to all. 2d Race for Club Purse of $25, free to all but the winner of the first race of this day.

FOURTH DAY Thursday, February 6th. 1st Race for Club Purse of $150, free to all. $125 to winner, and $25 to second man in the race. 2d Race for Club Purse of $100, free to all but the winner of the first race of this day. $75 to winner, $25 to second man in the race.

Purses for Ladies, Boys and Girls will be made up during the week. The racing will commence at 1 o'clock each day. All entries for each day must be made by 11 ocl'k, A.M. with the Sec'y. Entrance $1. If on Monday, the 3d, the weather should be unfavorable, the races will be postponed from day to day until favorable.

By order of the Club.

JOHN CONLY, President

L. D. C. GRAY, Secretary.

Photograph of Poster Announcing the 1868 La Porte Races

(Chapter 7 of "Snowshoe Thompson & The Birth of Skiing As a Sport" appears on page 4A.)

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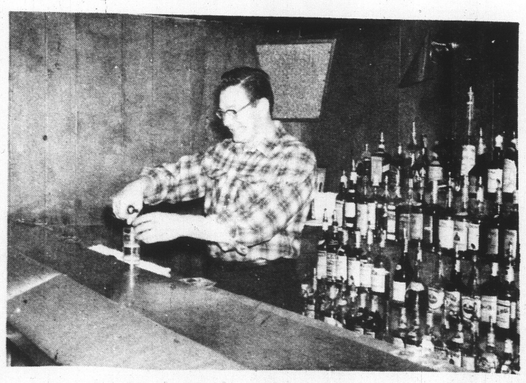

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County Jail 50 Per Cent Overcrowded

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Coping with a county jail that during January was 50 per cent overcrowded, Sheriff Wayne Brown last week told Nevada City Lions his department is faced with forecasts of even more crowded conditions before the problem could be solved by new or expanded facilities.

He estimated a building program would take at least one and one-half years before it was available for the housing of prisoners.

Sheriff Brown told the club forecasts expect a jail population between 50 and 55 within two years. The present jail was built to house 23 prisoners.

During January, inmate population at the jail ran between 34 and 43. On the peak day, another three prisoners were in the county hospital and another was housed at the Truckee substation.

Sheriff Brown traced the growth of his department during the ten years he has been in office. Where six deputies and one matron were employed ten years ago, the staff now has 13 deputies and a secretary in place of the matron.

"Our crime rate is increasing," the sheriff said. However, complaints have not increased as much as population in the Truckee area. This appears to be due to a larger force in the Truckee area and a more complete night patrol.

"I think we have probably cut the activity problem by one-third," Sheriff Brown commented on the eastern county situation.

A great deal of the jail population now is from the west end of the county, he said.

He told the club it is difficult to handle the number of inmates currently in the jail. Both from the standpoint of safety and efficiency the department is now hindered by the overcrowding.

Explaining that one deputy is not able to handle such large groups, Sheriff Brown said he was no longer able to put as many men out for field work.

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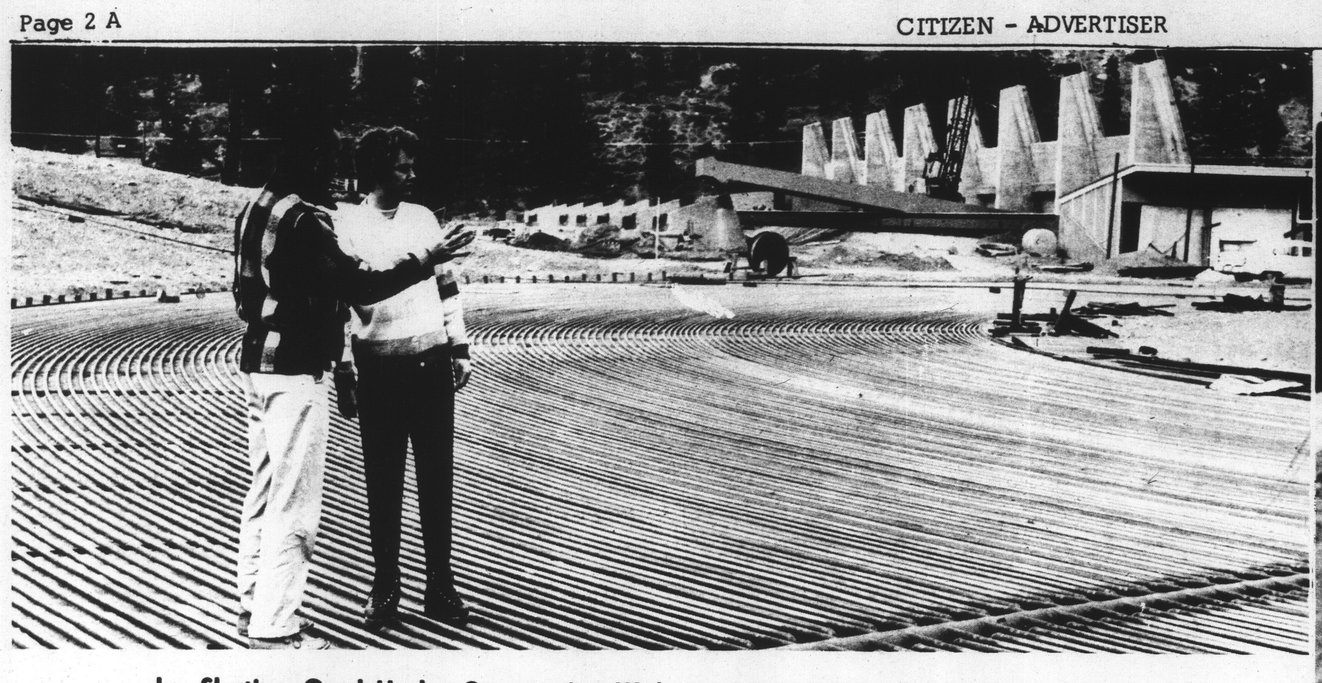

Ice Skating Oval Under Construction With Ice Arena Going Up In Background.

Ski Jump Designer Heini Klopfer Points To The Facilities In Construction Days.

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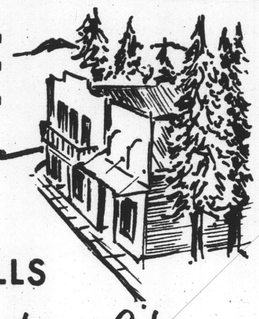

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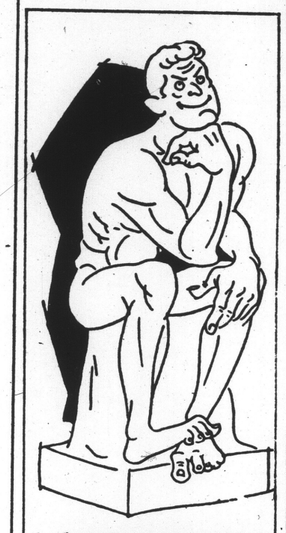

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MARRIAGE LICENSES:

Issued February 2nd, by the Nevada County Clerk's Office to Jerold Eldredge Kyle, 20, and Phyllis Gay O'Nesky, 18, both of Grass Valley.

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Issued February 2nd, by the Nevada County Clerk's Office to Arnold Lee Duncan, 19, and Barbara Anne Buxton, 18, both of Grass Valley.

Chicago Park News

The Peardale Extension Club held the regular meeting and pot luck luncheon at Mrs. Paul Leutendkir's Wednesday. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mills spent Sunday in Woodland, with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Selsor.

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We are happy to report Mrs. M. Zache is home from the hospital and doing fine.

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Mr. Norman Thompson has returned home from Lachlin Air Force Base, where he completed his basic training.

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And down in Sunshine Valley, we of the Pease household had a most enjoyable weekend. Our daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prichard, came up from Walnut Creek. Mrs. Mary Prichard, Robert's Mother, drove up with them to spend the weekend. Sunday, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Bankovski and their daughters Susan and Lynn, drove up from Davis to spend the day.

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NOTICE

All ladies residing in the Buena Vista voting district are cordially invited to join the Chicago Park Garden Club. If interested, please attend meeting March 2nd. at Mrs. Joyce Garbellano's, Colfax Highway. Time: 1: 30 p.m.

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Boat Registration Questions and Answers

Details of the new state boat registration act were issued recently by Robert McCarthy, director of the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

McCarthy's explanation of the provisions of the act is given in the following series of questions and answers:

Q - What boats must be numbered?

A - All undocumented boats using the waters of this State as of April 1, 1960.

Q - Are there exceptions?

A - Yes, these are:

(1) Boats propelled solely by oars or paddles; (2) sail boats 8 feet or less propelled solely by sail; (3) boats propelled by electric motors of 10 horsepower or less; (4) a ship's life boat; (5) government owned boats.

Q - Where can boats be registered?

A - At any regularly maintained field office of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Q - When?

A - Beginning March 1, 1960 through close of business April 1, 1960.

Q - How much does the registration cost?

A - $5. for the period April, 1960 to February 4, 1963.

Q - What becomes of the county or coast guard number now on a boat?

A - Both will be superceded by the State number, so it will be necessary to remove the county or coast guard number and display the State number on each side of the bow.

Q - How does a boat owner put the new number on his boat?

A - The owner shall paint on or attach to each side of the bow the identification number so it may be clearly visible.

Q - How large must the number be made for display?

A - It must be in block characters not less than three inches in height and of a color which will contrast to the background so as to be legible and clearly visible.

Q - How many characters make up the number and why?

A - In keeping with the rules and regulations of the Treasury Department as administered by the U.S. Coast Guard the State number will have a total of eight characters as follows:

(1) CF the U.S Gov't abbreviation for "California"; (2) Arabic numerals; (3) 2 alphabetic letters. (For example, CF 0001 AA).

Q - Will certain letters and numbers indicate any particular county location?

A - No. Such a system is neither administratively feasible nor do boats permanently stay in any given location. In fact, owners frequently live in one county and keep their boats in another county, and in some cases even live in one state and keep their boats in another state.

Q - How long after making application must a boat owner wait for his permanent number?

A - If an owner applies in person at any office of the Department of Motor Vehicles he will receive his number upon acceptance of his application and fee. He also will receive in person his temporary certificate of number when applying in person. If an owner applies by mail, his number must be mailed after his application has been approved. This method will obviously require several days wait.

Q - Who will police the number requirements?

A - The State law provides that every peace officer shall enforce this part of the Harbors and Navigations Code. Enforcement will be carried out much in the same manner as the auto registration law is enforces.

Q - What happens if a boat owner uses the waters of this State without having made application for a number?

A - He is subject to misdemeanor arrest and will be penalized 50 per cent of the registration fee if he is late in registering his boat.

Q - What documents such as a bill of sale, copy of contract or other proof of ownership must the owner have to apply for a number?

A - None. The owner's personal certification and warranty and required below signature on the application. Owners may find, however, that such a document will provide a good deal of the information required in the application and may wish to have it with them as a ready reference when making application.

Q - Does the State law apply to dealers, manufacturers and liveries?

A - Yes, with certain minor exceptions. Dealers and manufacturers will be issued special numbers which may be moved from one boat to another for such uses as testing and demonstration. These numbers will all be issued by mail from Sacramento. No boat description is needed for dealer or manufacturer numbers.

Q - If motors are exchanged or altered in any way does the owner have to file a report with DMV?

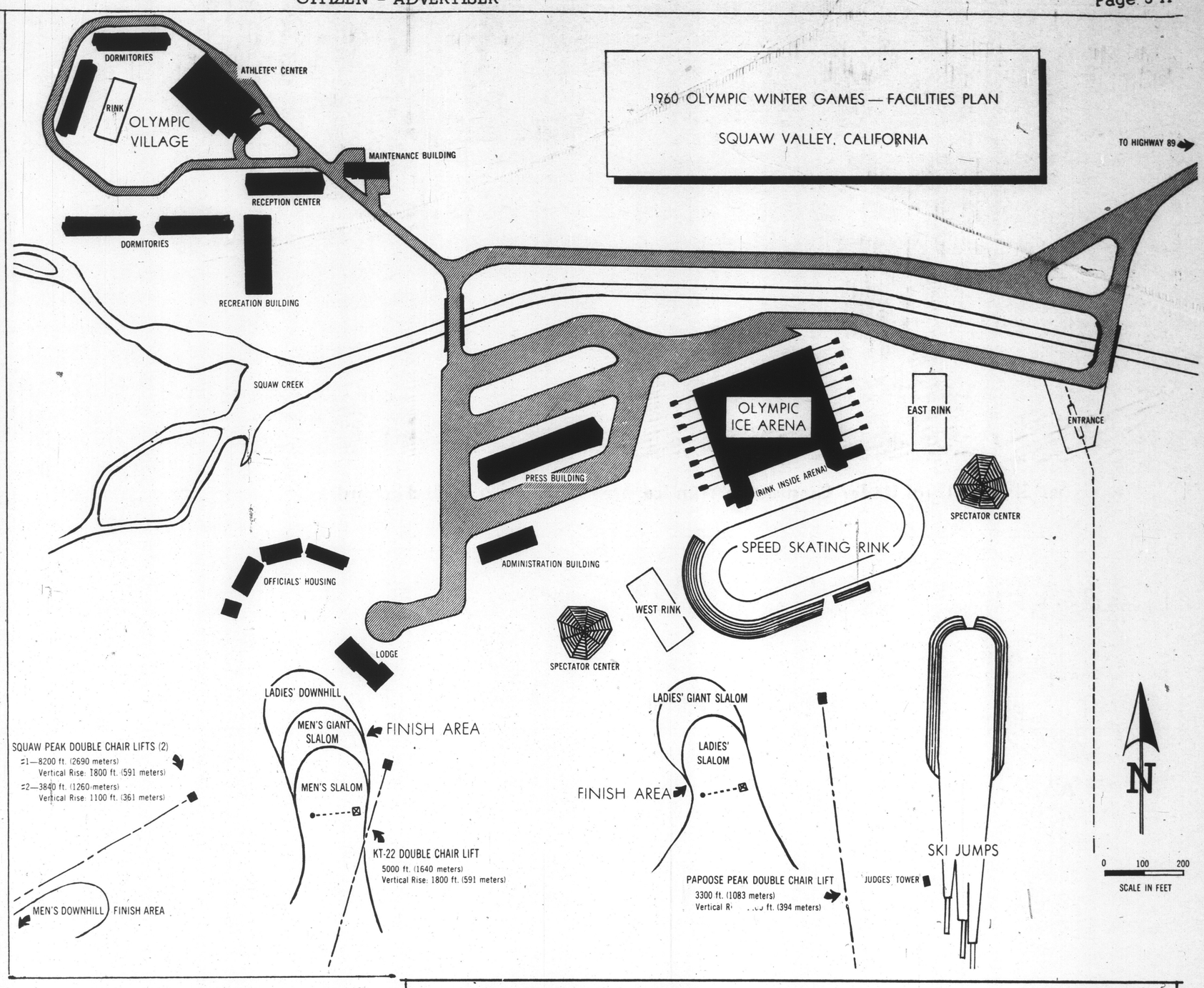
A - No.

Q - Are boats from other states required to be numbered?

A - Yes. Within 90 days from entry into California.

Q - Where does the money go that registration of boats brings into the State?

A - Into the State General Fund.



Yosemite Headquarter To Be Moved

The start of a $2,500,000 construction program to move administration facilities from the floor of Yosemite National Park to El Portal is contained in the proposed 1961 federal budget.

Congressman Harold T. (Bizz) Johnson, whose 2nd. California district includes the world famed mountain beauty spot, said intial construction is part of a $1,634,400 building and improvement program scheduled for the park in the 12 months commencing July 1st.

The $2,590,923 Yosemite National Park budget still has to receive the approval of the House of Representatives and Senate, but Congressman Johnson expressed confidence that the amounts would be retained.

"I am pleased to see the El Portal project get under way," Congressman Johnson said. "With record numbers of people expected to visit the park in the coming year, we will need all the room we can get on the floor for recreational purposes."

NOTICE TO PHOTOGRAPHERS *

When you buy your Olympic ticket, you will note the following printed on its back:

"The holder is expressly forbidden to carry on any commercial enterprise in the area set aside for the games, or to take pictures"

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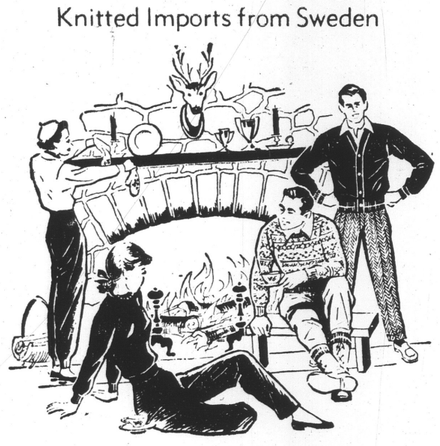

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VII Olympic "Rehearsals" 100 Years Ago

While no account of the origin of skiing in the Sierra would be complete without the telling of the story of John A. (Snowshoe) Thompson, accolades for promoting skiing as a sport, must, or historical justice, go to the Alturas Snowshoe Club of La Porte and the Port Wine and Table Rock Snowshoe clubs of Howland Flat.

The cash prizes offered by these groups at their annual races attracted the top speedsters of the Sierra and the contests became extremely popular events for participants and spectators alike.

The prize money tempted Snowshoe Thompson to enter the Fourth Annual La Porte races, but he was no match for the Plumas County boys who had developed downhill racing into an art. Charles Hendel, an eye witness of the races, in writing of Thompson's efforts, had this to say about the Sierra Expressman's ineptness at racing:

"...The La Porters were honored with the presence of Thompson, the famous and celebrated express carrier, who in the early days carried the express and mail from Placerville to Carson City--as our friends over there will testify. He is a stout athletic man, a Norwegian by birth, handles his shoes in good style and I think is hard to beat on a travel, in the long run--with an express bag of about 60 to 120 pounds weight. But at our races, which only can be beat by lightning, he runs behind like an ox team after a railroad car. He came out over 200 feet behind the last man in his squad. He says he has been running ever since his childhood, but such speed he never witnessed before. He came all the way from Alpine County, over 200 miles travel, part on his shoes, part by railroad, part in a skiff.

The bindings that held the ski to the foot were rather crude. A wide leather band was nailed to the sides of the across Lake Tahoe, part in stages, to see the races and if possible, to carry home all the money. He went home with his brains and pockets full of dope recipes which the boys kindly furnished him..."

If the competitors in these races went into any special training for these events, it is not known today. However, in the drawings and photos of some of these earliest races, portable bars are very much in evidence. Probably the contestants thought that a visit or two at the bar during a meet would help take the edge off over-taut nerves.

To get as much speed as possible out of their skis, the athletes made up concoctions of wax and other ingredients which they applied to the bottom of their "boards". The formulas for some of these "dopes" as they were called, was highly secret and each skier had his favorite brand. The making of this dope became a sort of specialty among a few followers of the sport and for a time these specialists or "dope peddlers" made regular appearances at the races, some of them enjoying a moderate financial reward in the sale of their mysterious mixtures.

In order to gain more and more speed from their skis some of the more ardent followers of the sport started playing with the design of the runners. Experiments were made by changing the width and length of the ski and there is some evidence to show that some of the fastest times were made on skis of a length of about 14 feet. There does not appear to be any evidence that these early skiers did any experimenting with grooving the bottom of the ski. "Snowshoe" Thompson's skis in the Sutter's Fort Museum have a perfectly flat bottom and if he knew that a grooved ski improved its tracking quality he, for one, apparently gave this information little moment.

The ski and these bands were laced and tied across the toe. Sometimes a small block of wood would be attached to the ski to hold the heel of the boot in place.

There can be little question but what these early Sierra ski races were popular events. While there were no slaloms, jumping or cross country contests, and the spectators had to content themselves with the single downhill speed races, the attractions drew good crowds and were colorful affairs. There is evidence that the racers costumed themselves in colorful shirts and caps and from old pictures it appears that certain clubs fitted out their members in attractive uniforms.

What speeds did these early skiers attain? The writer has not been able to discover whether any of the records have been preserved, but one account states that speeds of 88 miles per hour were clocked.

If it is true that these racers approached or equalled this speed, then their efforts were really phenomenal for 88 miles an hour on skis is considered extremely fast time by our modern athletes equipped with the most modern skis.

Was Charles Hendel, the La Porte surveyor who officiated at many of these races for so many years, correct when he wrote after a trip to Europe in 1869 that skiing as an organized competitive sport originated in the "Lost Sierras?"

If the locale of the birth of this great sport is in contest between Kristiana or Telemark, Norway and the California Sierras, there certainly can be no contest to who it was that was almost singularly responsible for the early impetus given to skiing in this part of the world. John A. "Snowshoe" Thompson, Norwegian by birth and American by family decision can alone be awarded the signal honor as the "greatest skier of them all."

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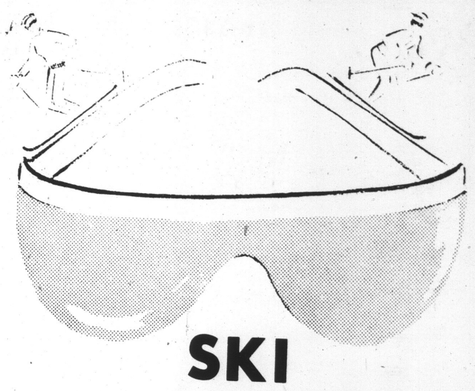

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